



# CALIFORNIA STATE THREAT ASSESSMENT CENTER

## 24-HOUR REPORT

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### (U) CALIFORNIA

#### (U) Los Angeles – Human Trafficking Operation Rescues More than 80 Victims

(U) Law enforcement officials announced yesterday the rescue of more than 80 human trafficking and sexual exploitation victims, including children, during a weeklong operation that also netted hundreds of arrests. The annual "Operation Reclaim and Rebuild" was held last week and coincided with the run-up to the Super Bowl in Los Angeles. Sheriff Alex Villanueva reported 74 adults and eight children were rescued, while 34 suspected traffickers were arrested. About 200 sex buyers were also taken into custody as part of the operation.

SOURCE: 15 February 2022, [NBC Los Angeles](#)

#### (U) Sacramento – School District Investigates Second Racist Incident in Days

(U) Sacramento City Unified School District (SCUSD) reported that racist graffiti was discovered yesterday morning along an outside wall at Abraham Lincoln Elementary School. The district said it is working with the Rancho Cordova Police Department and that it will take "appropriate action" toward any student or person associated with the school district. The incident comes just days after racist writing was discovered at a pair of water fountains at another district school. Authorities have not said whether the two acts of vandalism are related. The district has experienced several recent incidents and hired a racism liaison in January after two high-profile racism investigations in 2021.

SOURCE: 15 February 2022, [KCRA Fox 40](#)

#### (U) San Diego – Driver Found with Bomb-Making Materials at Naval Air Station on Coronado

(U) The main entrance to North Island Naval Air Station on Coronado shut down for several hours yesterday after a driver was found with possible bomb-making materials. The incident started when a driver approached the gate and was stopped at the request of Naval Criminal Investigative Service (NCIS) officials. Security officers noticed possible bomb-making materials in the vehicle, but the materials were not assembled into any kind of device. NCIS took the sailor driving the vehicle in for questioning. Buildings nearest to the area were evacuated, and a shelter-in-place order was issued. Normal operations resumed by 2pm.

SOURCE: 15 February 2022, [San Diego Union Tribune](#)

### (U) SOUTHWEST BORDER

#### (U) Texas – CBP Officers Seize \$1.6 Million Worth of Narcotics in Three Seizures

(U) Brownsville – US Customs and Border Protection (CBP) officers at the Brownsville Port of Entry intercepted alleged narcotics in three separate enforcement actions that have a combined estimated street value of \$1,671,950. The seizures took place from 10-12 February, in which a total of 216.9 pounds of cocaine was recovered from three separate Ford vehicles. CBP officers seized the narcotics along with the vehicles, arrested the travelers and turned them over to the custody of Homeland Security Investigations (HSI) special agents for further investigation.

SOURCE: 15 February 2022, [CBP](#)

**(U) NATIONAL**

**(U) District of Columbia – Report: Conspiracy Theorists Fuel Bump in Extremist Killings**

(U) Washington – Newer strains of far-right movements fueled by conspiracy theories, misogyny, and anti-vaccine proponents contributed to a modest rise in killings by domestic extremists in the US last year, according to a report released yesterday by the Anti-Defamation League (ADL). Killings by domestic extremists increased from 23 in 2020 to at least 29 last year. The ADL's report says white supremacists, anti-government sovereign citizens and other adherents of long-standing movements were responsible for most of the 19 deadly attacks it counted in 2021. The ADL concluded that roughly half of the 2021 killings didn't have a clear ideological motive, fitting a pattern that stretches back at least a decade.

SOURCE: 15 February 2022, [Associated Press](#)

**(U) Kentucky – Council Candidate Arrested After Open Firing on Mayoral Candidate at Headquarters**

(U) Louisville – A local activist and candidate for Louisville's metro council has been charged with attempted murder, and is accused of opening fire on Craig Greenberg, a Louisville mayoral candidate at his campaign headquarters, police said yesterday. Greenberg's shirt was grazed by a bullet, but he was unharmed. The suspect, Quintez Brown, also faces four counts of wanton endangerment. Police said Brown appears to have acted alone and the motive remains under investigation. Brown plead not guilty at an arraignment and remained in the Louisville Metro jail.

SOURCE: 15 February 2022, [Associated Press](#) [WLKY News](#)

**(U) Michigan – Homemade 'Drano Bomb' Explodes, Second Explosive Found**

(U) Dundee – Police officials reported that a homemade "Drano bomb" explosion led to evacuations at an apartment complex yesterday evening. A second explosive device was also found in the area, and Michigan State Police ordnance removal and HazMat crews were called to remove it. Police said there are no known injuries, and the evacuations were precautionary since a chemical agent was involved.

SOURCE: 15 February 2022, [Fox 2 Detroit](#)

**(U) INTERNATIONAL**

**(U) France – Two Children Among Seven Killed in French Pyrenees Explosion**

(U) Paris – At least seven people, including two children, were killed in an explosion in the village of Saint-Laurent-de-la-Salanque in France on Monday. The death toll from the blast, which also injured around 30 people, remains "provisional," according to the French Interior Minister. The explosion happened overnight, causing a fire in a small two-story building. The incident is under investigation.

SOURCE: 14 February 2022, [CNN](#)

**(U) Philippines – 14 ISIS-Linked Militants Surrender to the Military**

(U) Davao City – Fourteen suspected Islamic State of Iraq and ash-Sham (ISIS)-linked militants surrendered to the authorities on Monday, a military official reported. Thirteen of the militants were members of the Bangsamoro Islamic Freedom Fighters (BIFF), a group closely connected to the Bangsamoro Islamic Freedom Movement (BIFM). The militants also turned over eight high caliber firearms, a rocket propelled grenade launcher, three handguns, and ammunition.

SOURCE: 16 February 2022, [Inquirer](#)

## UNCLASSIFIED

### **(U) Ukraine – Cyberattacks Knock Out Sites of Ukrainian Army, Major Banks**

(U) Kiev – A series of cyberattacks yesterday knocked the websites of the Ukrainian army, the defense ministry, and major banks offline, as tensions persisted over the threat of a possible Russian invasion. According to Ukrainian authorities, there was no indication the relatively low-level, distributed-denial-of-service attacks might be a smokescreen for more serious and damaging cyber mischief. At least 10 Ukrainian websites were unreachable due to the attacks, including the defense, foreign and culture ministries and Ukraine's two largest state banks. Officials are investigating who was behind the attack, and suggested Russian involvement was likely.

SOURCE: 15 February 2022, [Associated Press](#)

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